



National Service in Nevada



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN NEVADA

More than 3,400 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Nevada. Serving at more than 340 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$10,160,000 to support Nevada communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$4,690,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 820 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Nevada. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Nevada Volunteers, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 4,300 Nevada residents have served more than 5.4 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$11,610,000.

Senior Corps: More than 2,500 seniors in Nevada contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 3,400 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 550 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 130 groups across Nevada.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Nevada At a Glance

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	8	62	440	\$3,691,745	\$491,205 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	1	1	2	\$11,290	\$39,780
AmeriCorps State Formula	7	53	326	\$970,806	\$1,908,281
AmeriCorps VISTA	12	29	57	\$324,740	\$927,390
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	28	145	825	\$4,998,580	\$3,366,656
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	2	55	259	-	\$850,087
RSVP	3	130	2,100	-	\$339,770
Senior Companion Program	2	12	228	-	\$353,078
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	7	197	2,587	-	\$1,542,935
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$260,877
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$260,877
PROGRAM TOTALS	36	342 ⁴	3,412	\$4,998,580	\$5,170,468
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$10,169,048
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$4,690,010 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$14,859,058

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2014 - 2015 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Nevada. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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AmeriCorps State

Nevada's AmeriCorps State programs are delivered through eight organizations which will engage 328 AmeriCorps members at more than 62 Nevada nonprofits, education or public agencies across the state. In 2014-15 Nevada will realize significant impacts. The Nevada Conservation Corps will deploy 162 members statewide to build sustainable trails and decommission illegal trail ways equaling 100 miles, and will maintain and improve 4,500 acres of public lands through the removal of invasive species, reducing hazardous fuels and protecting sensitive habitat. In southern Nevada, more than 33 AmeriCorps members will be supporting future Nevadans education by providing afterschool programming to 2,500 youth, targeted attendance support and parental engagement for 2,800 high school students, and programs targeting parental engagement and early childhood education. In rural Nevada, the Nevada Outdoor School AmeriCorps program will deploy 32 members, of which five will support 850 rural Nevadans in accessing community resources that support independent living.

The Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation AmeriCorps program engages individuals and nonprofits in the Incline Village area to address unmet needs through service. Twelve AmeriCorps members serve in the areas of education, healthy futures, and land stewardship. Expected results include collection of more than 7,000 pounds of food for 25,000 individuals and more than 4,300 youth and 6,350 adults receiving energy conservation education. In addition, the AmeriCorps team implements a community service project each year. One such project was the Unity Project, an eight-week mentorship program with the Incline Middle School. The project examined social and peer pressure issues such as bullying, tolerance and respect, self esteem, identity, goal setting, self help and self care and health and wellness. These projects, developed by the AmeriCorps team with community partners, build the community network for future engagement.

AmeriCorps VISTA

Washoe County School District serves 62,986 Pre-K through 12th grade students and is committed to its mission "to create an education system where all students achieve academic success, develop personal and civic responsibility, and achieve career and college readiness for the 21st century." The First Teacher Training Project aligns is developing age-appropriate parent trainings and materials to support learning at home to benefit students in Pre-K through 12th grades. Nine AmeriCorps VISTAs and 20 Summer VISTAs will contribute to the five-year project's success by assisting in the development of the trainings; providing training to schools, parents/families, and teachers on using and accessing resources; gathering resources needed for core academic take-home activity packets; providing direct academic tutoring and mentoring services for literacy and other learning objectives during the summer; and, producing web-based and electronic training videos, and fundraising so the project can be sustainable.

AmeriCorps NCCC

The Boys & Girls Club of Mason Valley sponsored their first AmeriCorps NCCC team during the summer of 2014. Their mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. During the team's service with the Boys & Girls Club of Mason Valley, the team worked at three different branches in Yerington, Silver Springs, and Dayton, NV maintaining operations for the summer break program and processing over 100 membership applications. Corps members also assisted with meal preparation for the summer program and preparing over 500 meals daily. Additionally, the team served at the Attic Thrift Shop, a division of the Boys & Girls Club, where they sorted over 50,000 pounds of donations. They assisted the event planner with set-up for the Night in the Country, the Club's largest annual fundraising event. Members assisted volunteers with event preparations by laying 10,000 sq. ft. of repurposed artificial turf for the festival grounds, constructing thirteen refreshment stands, and clearing over 2,000 campgrounds. The team also painted a mural at the Yerington Club for Boys & Girls Club.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada serves as the sponsoring agency of the Foster Grandparent Program in the greater Las Vegas area. The Foster Grandparent Program assists at-risk young in making critical gains in education and healthy futures. Foster Grandparent services in these areas are essential to ensuring that families and children in Clark County have the support necessary to experience academic and personal success. The Clark County School District is the fifth largest in the United States and faces challenges in student outcomes including low test scores and low graduation rates. In 2011, the Foster Grandparent Program began partnering with Oasis Institute and Wellpoint Foundation to offer an evidenced-based nutrition and exercise curriculum. This program is not only proving successful at alleviating childhood obesity, it also is showing improved health outcomes for the volunteers who are teaching healthy habits to children.

Senior Corps RSVP

RSVP of Washoe County is sponsored by the University of Nevada Reno's Sanford Center for Aging. The mission of the center is to enhance the quality of life for older persons through innovation and leadership in interdisciplinary aging-related research, education, and community outreach. RSVP volunteers provide a range of services including independent living support, tutoring and educational support, crime prevention; and providing services and information to seniors.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

The Senior Companion Program, sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, is making a difference in the lives of our frail, at-risk seniors. Seventy-two Senior Companions empowered and supported more than 260 clients in meeting their everyday needs last year. Our Senior Companions utilize a person-to-person centered volunteer assignment plan that focuses on maintaining the independence and well-being of each client in order to elevate depression and isolation. Through compassionate communication skills and knowledge in dealing with difficult behaviors, these high impact volunteers provided more than 62,000 hours of service to their senior peers. Surveys found that 96 percent of clients felt less depressed and isolated, resulting in improved health and well-being. A major focus of the program is the extensive on-going training that the volunteers commit to while in the program.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	825	28
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	156	13

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Henderson	SCA Nevada (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	4	AmeriCorps National
Incline Village	Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation AmeriCorps Program (Current) Parasol Foundation	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Las Vegas	American Red Cross NPRC - Las Vegas Region (Current) American National Red Cross DC	3	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	Las Vegas, Inc., HFH (Completed) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	Nevada Legal Services, Inc (Current) Equal Justice Works	2	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	Operation Homefront-NV (Current) American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters	1	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Nevada (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	Teach For America - Las Vegas (Current) Teach For America	283	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	United By Service (Completed) WestCare Foundation, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	United Way of Southern Nevada AmeriCorps Program (Current) United Way of Southern Nevada	80	AmeriCorps State Formula
Las Vegas	United Way of Southern Nevada VISTA (Current) United Way of Southern Nevada VISTA	15	AmeriCorps VISTA
Las Vegas	UNLV (Current) Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada Las Vegas	2	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Las Vegas	YouthBuild Las Vegas (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	32	AmeriCorps National
Reno	American Red Cross NPRC - Northern Nevada Region (Completed) American National Red Cross DC	3	AmeriCorps National
Reno	Children's Cabinet AmeriCorps Program (Current) The Children's Cabinet	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Reno	Enhancing Community Capacity and Individual Resiliency (Completed) Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada, Reno	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Envirovolution (Current) Envirovolution	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Farm to School (Current) Urban Roots Garden Classrooms	12	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Fuel Reduction - SNJ (June 3 - July 16, 2014) Sierra Nevada Journeys	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Reno	Greater Impact: Building a Service Enterprise (Current) Nevada Volunteers	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	LEAPS Program-Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (Current) Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Nevada Conservation Corps (Current) Great Basin Institute	162	AmeriCorps State Formula
Reno	Nevada Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	115	AmeriCorps National
Reno	Nevada Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Program (Completed) Great Basin Institute	143	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Reno	Nevada Department of Wildlife (Current) Nevada Department of Wildlife	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Reno	Nevada Youth Empowerment Project (Completed) Nevada Youth Empowerment Project	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Path To Independence (Current) Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada, Reno	1	AmeriCorps VISTA



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Reno	Reno Bike Project (Completed) Reno Bike Project	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Ridge House Subway Shop Project (Completed) The Ridge House	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Sierra Nevada Journeys (Completed) Sierra Nevada Journeys	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	T.E.A.C.H. Corps (Completed) Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Reno	Truckee Meadows Student Stewards (Current) Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Urban Roots FarmCorps (Current) Urban Roots Garden Classrooms	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Reno	Volunteer Improvement Project (Completed) Washoe County School District, Volunteer Services	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Volunteers of America- Northern Nevada Capacity Building (Current) Volunteers of America Greater Sacramento & Northern Nevada	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Washoe County School District, Volunteer Services (Current) Washoe County School District, Volunteer Services	10	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Washoe VISTA Program (Current) Washoe County	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Workforce Development and Empowerment Project (Current) The Launching Pad, Inc.	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Youth Network Initiative (You'N-I) (Current) Community Foundation of Western Nevada	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Silver Springs	BGC Mason Valley Program Support (June 3 - July 16, 2014) Boys & Girls Club of Mason Valley	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Winnemucca	Nevada Outdoor Schools AmeriCorps Program (Current) Nevada Outdoor School	32	AmeriCorps State Formula

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

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Senior Corps in Nevada



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	2,587	7
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Carson City	Nevada 15 Rural Counties Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (Current) Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Inc.	1,300	RSVP
Las Vegas	Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada	106	Foster Grandparent Program
Las Vegas	Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (Current) Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada	300	RSVP
Las Vegas	Senior Companion Program (Current) Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada	112	Senior Companion Program
Reno	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (Current) Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada, Reno	500	RSVP
Sparks	Northern Nevada FGP (Current) Seniors in Service	153	Foster Grandparent Program
Sparks	Senior Companion Program of Northern Nevada (Current) Seniors in Service	116	Senior Companion Program

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